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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EGEN XL

SUBJ: CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY

REF: POS 797

1. ALTHOUGH MORE THAN A WEEK HAS PASSED SINCE SIGNING OF TREATY ESTABLISHING A CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY WITH COMMON MARKET ANNEX, FINAL TEXT STILL NOT AVAILABLE. EVEN TEXT OBTAINED FROM PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE TWO DAYS AFTER SIGNING, AND POUCHED TO ARA/CAR, TURNS OUT TO BE IDENTICAL TO TEXT OBTAINED WEEK EARLIER (POS 781). WE ARE AGAIN ASSURED THERE WERE NO SUBSTANTIVE VARIATIONS FROM THESE COPIES BUT ONLY MINOR CHANGES.

2. FOUR PRIME MINISTERS ALSO SIGNED AGREEMENT OR PROTOCOL TO ESTABLISH THEIR COMMON EXTERNAL TARIFF AND A "FINAL ACT", NEITHER OF WHICH YET AVAILABLE. WE ARE TOLD CXT ITSELF, WHICH APPARENTLY IS SEPARATE DOCUMENT FROM AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH IT, HAS BEEN NEGOTIATED INTO FINAL FORM AND WILL HOPEFULLY BE PUBLISHED IN ADVANCE OF ITS

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EFFECTIVE DATE, AUGUST FIRST. REPORTEDLY SOME OF THE

MINISTERS ATTENDING CARIFTA COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH TREATY SIGNING, ALSO SIGNED THREE OTHER AGREEMENTS, DOUBLE TAXATION, FOR HARMONIZATION OF FISCAL INCENTIVES TO INDUSTRY, AND ESTABLISHING CARIBBEAN INVESTMENT CORPORATION.

3. SECRECY, EVEN MYSTERY, THUS ATTACHED TO ALL THESE SUPPOSEDLY FAR-REACHING AGREEMENTS REMAINS AS ONLY FACET THAT OBSERVERS CAN COMMENT ON. FOR EXAMPLE, REFERRING TO CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY, EXPRESS NEWSPAPER CORRECTLY STATES, "THE MAN-IN-THE-STREET REMAINS AS RESOLUTELY IGNORANT OF WHAT THIS WILL MEAN TO HIM AS HE EVER WAS." SIMILARLY TRINIDAD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, WHILE OFFERING WHOLEHEARTED SUPPORT TO CARIBBEAN COMMON MARKET, MAKES VALID COMPLAINT THAT "GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED DID NOT SEE FIT TO CONSULT WITH THOSE VERY PERSONS (I.E., BUSINESSMEN) WHOM THE TREATY SO VITALLY CONCERNED AND WHOSE EFFORTS WILL LARGELY DETERMINE THE SUCCESS OR FAILURE OF THE AGREEMENT."  
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